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# Pennsylvania GAZETTE.

*Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestick.*

From March 17. to March 24. 1736,7.

The Remainder of the Report of the Committee in *Antigua*, (begun in our last) relating to the *NEGRO PLOT* in that Island.

As it seems to us agreeable to the Intent of the last Order of your Excellency and Council, that we should report what our Opinion is as to the Safety of the Island; we think it will not be impertinent to touch as introductory to it, upon what we think encouraged our Slaves to attempt our Ruin and Destruction; and tho' we cannot be very certain by what particular Inducements the Slaves might be brought to set on foot this inhuman Plot; yet we may say with some Certainty, that next to Hopes of Freedom, the greatest was the Inequality of Numbers of White and Black. Neither can we lay down Rules to remedy this Evil; but think it would be greatly helpt, if Gentlemen resided on their own Estates here; and that Men of the best Figure and Fortune would not so generally put Sights upon the Commissions of the Peace and Militia; and that Slaves were disabled from being Handicraft Tradesmen, Overseers, Drivers, or Distillers, Shopkeepers, or Hawkers and Pedlars, or Sailors; nor suffered to keep Horses, nor work out for themselves; and that more of our menial Servants, and our wet and dry Nurses were to be Whites; and no Fiddlers for gain, but Whites to be suffered; and that generally more Encouragement should be given to Whites by our Laws and Practice, and less to Slaves; and our present wholesome Laws for Government of our Slaves vigorously executed. But before we part with this point we beg leave, as pertinent to it, to say what Justice requires at our hands with relation to the King's Troops, sent for our Defence and Assistance, as 'twas a matter occurring and obvious to us, in the Course of our Inquiry. The exact Discipline they are under, the Courage, Conduct and Chearfulness shewn by the Officers, with the perfect Obedience and Regularity of the Soldiers, and the gallant Appearance of the whole, did not only much animate our White Inhabitants, but greatly intimidated the Slaves. An Additional Number therefore of such Forces (were it his Majesty's good Pleasure) would make our Safety much less precarious. How far we may be in Danger still from this last Conspiracy, we cannot determine; since undoubtedly there are Hundreds by us undiscovered, who have bound themselves by impious Oaths, to destroy us, Man, Woman and Child: From hence it may be collected what must be the Spirits and Inclinations of the Slaves; and how weak and vain it would be in us to say the Country is in Safety, or to advise your Excellency to put a stop to any further Enquiry; this being a Point of a nature too intricate and mighty to be meddled with by us.

Two Slaves accused of this Conspiracy are fled from

Justice, the one named *Daby*, a Driver, belonging to the Estate of Col. *George Thomas*; the other named *Old Tom*, a *Coromantee* Driver, belonging to the Estate of the late *Edward Byam*, deceased; the latter had great Influence over the Slaves; but it cannot be ascertained, as to either of them being alive or dead; but Rewards are publickly put upon each of their Heads, to take them alive, or kill them in pursuit.

A Person called *Mullatto Jack*, was brought before us, as a Criminal Slave in this Plot; but he alledged his being free born in *Ireland*, and that he was stolen thence fifteen or sixteen Years since, and sold here as a Slave, and as such has been detained ever since; and we think he proved his Allegation. How far this may be a Mitigation of his Crime we submit to the Wisdom of the Legislature, his Provocation being great. Besides this Person, a free Negro named *John Carteen*, & a free Mullatto call'd *Tom*, were in like manner charged as Criminals before us. The two first (were Slave-Evidence admitted) were undoubtedly as guilty as any condemned on this Account; and *John Carteen* appears to have been distinguishably violent for our Extripation; but against *Mullatto Tom*, the Evidence is not so strong, tho' sufficient to prove him a dangerous Person; and as it is not in our Power to try free Persons, we therefore submit their Cases to the Consideration of the Legislature, not knowing of any free Evidences, who might Conviict them in an Ordinary Course of Justice; and yet the Safety of the Island seems to be inconsistent with their remaining here.

As there must of Necessity, always be a number of Slaves among us vastly Superiour to the Whites, which will be a lasting Temptation to the former to enter into Conspiracies, and which cannot better be prevented than by rendering them distrustful of each other, by generous Rewards and Encouragements given to those who discover their Practices: we submit to be considered, whether without injuring ourselves, we can neglect duly rewarding those whom Providence hath made it's Instruments in the late Discovery. The Persons are *Cuffee* belonging to Major *Walter Nugent*; *Robin* belonging to Col. *John Gumborpe*; *Emanuel* belonging to Mr. *Edward Gregory*; and *Philida* belonging to Mr. *Thomas Hansen*, in whom there appeared an honest Zeal for our Preservation, and an Abhorrence of what was intended against us; and to whose free Evidence and Confessions, next to the Goodness of GOD, our Preservation is owing. Upon this Principle, and because a full Discovery without them could not be made, we have taken the Liberty of preserving some of the Guilty from Death, and assured them of Life, upon the Terms of Banishment, unless the Legislature would for any Reasons, dispense with it; not doubting but the Exigency of Affairs would excuse and even justify this Conduct; and that it would receive it's Confirmation from the Legislature, with Marks of Favour, in the manner of it, to such Witnesses as should be banisht, to distinguish their Case from other Criminals banisht; particularly as to *Treblin*, against whom there was no positive proof of Guilt; and whose Confession was free and full, and his Manner of giving Evidence appeared steady and honest; and was very

very necessary to us in the whole Course of our Proceeding.

We cannot in Justice omit declaring that the following Constables, namely Mr. James Hanson, Mr. John Bolon, Mr. Gustavus Christian, Mr. John Libert, Mr. Hugh Shewcraft, Mr. ——— Davison, and Mr. Richard Jackson, by their daily cheerful Attendance and Diligence in executing their Offices, while we were upon Enquiry, deserve (as we humbly conceive) the Consideration of the Publick; especially as they are Persons who live by their Trades and Occupations, which some of them were wholly incapable of following for above Eight Weeks, and others of them for a great Part of that Time, by Reason of their attending us, and for whose Encouragement, we promised to recommend them (for suitable Gratuities) to the Publick, without which their Families must suffer.

In a constant Attendance upon this Inquiry (scarce a Day omitted) we have spent nine Weeks; and hitherto have been so happy as to receive the Approbation of your Excellency, the Council and Assembly; which gave us a particular Satisfaction.

Here give us leave to pay a just Tribute of Gratitude to your Excellency for your kind and generous Protection and Encouragement, as well as good Advice given us, thro' the whole Course of our Inquiry; and to express how great a Pleasure we felt, and saw in the Countenances of others, from observing the Country at this dangerous Juncture, put by your Excellency's Vigilance and Conduct, into the best Posture of Defence it was ever known to be; and from whose Example our Inhabitants were animated with a Spirit and Courage suitable to this most extraordinary Occasion.

As this horrid Conspiracy cannot but be heard of, wherever People hold Correspondence with Antigua; it will no doubt be variously animadverted upon; and as Slavery is the very Odium of Englishmen, some of our Countrymen may do it to our Disadvantage; yet let these Men but coolly consider, and they will think our Circumstances deserve kinder Treatment: Slavery being among us, not of Choice but of Necessity, which gives us many Reflections, highly disagreeable and uneasy; yet unless (as it is not to be imagined) our Mother Country should quit that valuable Part of the Trade arising from the Sugar Colonies, which its Laws having given so much Encouragement to, Englishmen must continue to be Masters of Slaves, and will be under a Necessity of using them as such, even for Self-Preservation; which we not having done, and having admitted them to the Occupations truly proper only for Freemen, it had like to have been our Ruin.

There were some Steps not of a common kind taken by us in the Course of our Inquiry, which possibly might have been excepted to; two particularly, one the trying the Criminals privately, and excluding all white Persons, more particularly the Masters of the Slaves, (except the Constables guarding the Prisoners, and except twice or thrice, where some Gentleman of Figure, not Master of any Slave under Tryal, was accidentally present) the other was admitting Slaves to be Witnesses after Conviction, of what we termed a treasonable Conspiracy. As to the first, we had experienced the contrary Method in the Beginning, by trying some of the Criminals openly; but the Business being of a Nature requiring the utmost Dispatch, we found our Proceedings much retarded by the Spectators asking many Questions of the Prisoners and Witnesses, and some of them not proper. We soon discovered too by some things that happened, how much Masters were prone to countenance and excuse their Slaves, and that Slaves were imboldened by their Masters Presence and Witnesses intimidated; besides we found Secrecy necessary, which even Oaths of Secrecy might not have effectually procured, considering human Frailty and Forgetfulness, and the common unguardedness of Speech most Persons are liable to; for sometimes a dangerous Criminal might be mentioned by Witness or Party accused in the Course of the Tryal, and this might be talkt of abroad, and occasion Flights, Concealments, and other Inconveniences not to be foreseen. As to the latter, if considered, there is little or no weight in it; for a Slave is not a Person known by the Law of England, and in the Eye of our Laws is the same Person after Conviction as before, Slaves being incapable of giving Evidence except against each other (which is always done without Oath) of suing or being

sued, having no Inheritable Blood, Masters of no Property, and being the Estate and Property of others; so that they can lose no Credit, nor have their Blood corrupted, nor forfeit any Property, nor suffer any Disability by an Attainder: And it is expressly left by an Act of our Island to the Discretion of the Justices, to examine any Slave as Witness against another Slave, and give what Credit to his Testimony he thinks in Conscience it deserves; and we always made conscionable Allowances for the Hopes and Fears of those under Conviction, whom we examined as Witnesses; and for the Ignorance of Prisoners; acting as their Council as well as Judges; and thro' the whole Course of the Enquiry may venture to affirm, that we have leaned much more to the Merciful than the Severe. Of so great Concern was the Matter under our Consideration, to the Island, to enable us to make a full Discovery, that an Act was passed for inflicting Torture on Persons suspected of the Plot; which for Matters purely tending to the Discovery of the Plot, and upon Persons suspected to be concerned in it, we three times fruitlessly made Experiment of, and then declined further Use of it.

As no People were ever rescued from a Danger more imminent, to whom shall our Deliverance be ascribed, but to GOD the Father of all Mercies; be cast a Mist before the Eyes of our Enemies, and awakened us from our long and deep Lethargy; be disclosed their most hidden Secrets, and graciously enabled us to take proper Measures for our Security; and the Destruction designed for us, be brought on their own Heads; therefore we cannot be sufficiently thankful to Divine Providence for so signal a Preservation.

ANTIGUA, December  
30th 1736.

JOHN VERNON.  
ASHTON WARNER.  
NATH. GILBERT.  
ROBERT ARBUTHNOT.

A LIST of Slaves Executed for the late Conspiracy.  
15 December, 1736.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Kerby's Court.           | 29 Redwood's Scipio.         |
| 2 Hanson's Tomboy.         | 30 Col. Martin's Scipio.     |
| 3 Christopher's Hercules.  | 31 Ned Otto's Colou.         |
| 4 Lodge's Fortune.         | 32 Ned Otto's Jean.          |
| 5 Darby's Jack.            | 33 Nevil's Bristol.          |
| 6 Stephens's Frank.        | 34 Rodney's Helsen.          |
| 7 Hodge's Cudjo.           | 35 Kerby's Quacoo.           |
| 8 John Hawe's Gist.        | 36 Wyne's Samson.            |
| 9 Gregory's Animoo.        | 37 Goble's Billy.            |
| 10 Gregory's Quashy.       | 38 Goble's Oliver.           |
| 11 Garret's Venture.       | 39 Capt. Byam's Cudjo.       |
| 12 Morgan's Green.         | 40 Sydeserfe's Saddy.        |
| 13 Tudway's Little Cuffee. | 41 Kerr's Monday.            |
| 14 Hoskins's Quashy.       | 42 Freeman's Matty.          |
| 15 Morgan's Redd.          | 43 Yeoman's Quashy Cooma.    |
| 16 Gamble's Coley.         | 44 Wickham's Primus.         |
| 17 Jos. Martin's Charles.  | 45 Darby's Scipio.           |
| 18 Morgan's Jack.          | 46 Minaban's Gily.           |
| 19 Codrington's Jacko.     | 47 Chester's Frank.          |
| 20 Codrington's Globe.     | Fled from Justice.           |
| 21 F. Freeman's Secundi.   | The late Mr. Byam's old Tom. |
| 22 Painter's Anthony.      | Col. Thomas's Daby.          |
| 23 Dunbar's Tangaw.        | Free Negroes in Prison for   |
| 24 Col. Martin's Tonen.    | the Conspiracy.              |
| 25 Col. Thomas's Goestrey. | John Correen.                |
| 26 Tomlinson's Cuffee.     | Mullatto Tom.                |
| 27 Tomlinson's Billy.      | Mullatto Jack.               |
| 28 Redwood's Oliver.       | Free Simon.                  |

A LIST of Slaves proposed to be Banished.  
15 December, 1736.

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| 1 Morgan's Newport.        | 14 Hanson's Quashy.        |
| 2 Sheris's Billy.          | 15 Rodney's Ned Chester.   |
| 3 Langford's Robin.        | 16 Col. Thomas's Crumwell. |
| 4 Bondinot's Dick.         | 17 Col. Cockran's Prince.  |
| 5 Tomlinson's Barry Man.   | 18 Col. Cockran's Jack.    |
| 6 Lavington's Samson.      | 19 Col. Fry's Phillip.     |
| 7 Monk's Minger.           | 20 Gobl's London.          |
| 8 Byam's Quare.            | 21 Elmes's sen. Jack.      |
| 9 Sydeserfe's Robin.       | 22 Elmes's jun. Quamina.   |
| 10 Goble's English Dick.   | 23 Osborn's Cobbina.       |
| 11 Douglasses little Dick. | 24 Delap's Tom.            |
| 12 Ned Otto's Tom.         | 25 Delap's Robin.          |
| 13 Roach's Calgate.        | 26 Standrett's Babbitt.    |
|                            | 27 Sanderfont's            |

- 40 Lynche's Delamoure.  
41 Lindsey's Quash.  
42 Codrington's Sackp.  
43 Godsell's Charles.  
Witnesses to be sent off.  
Morgan's Trebling.  
Martin's Femmy.  
Jos. Martin's Quamina.  
Lynche's Tom.  
Col. Fry's Quamina.  
Langford's Billy.  
Stephens's Dick.

Antigua, December  
30th 1736

WE have receiv'd thy esteem'd and elegant Letter, and know its Contents; God receive thee according to thy Loyalty; we acknowledge thy Love to us and thy Loyal Services, and are satisfyed in thy Duty as thou writest, and we leave thee in thy Services, and renew to thee our full Power, and Favour, in what thou hast been in, and augment it. Take care of defending against the Infidels, the prosperity of thy Government, and its Inhabitants; for we have thee in great regard, and thou wilt be always satisfyed of our good Will. We know what has

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*Burlington, March the 10th 1736, 7.* By Order of the Council of Proprietors.

**S. SCATTERGOOD, Cler.**

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